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SCHEMES FOR EMPOWERING WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme of empowerment of women through self-help Groups; and

(b) if so, the components of this scheme and their likely impact on the society?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. Indira Mahila Yojana is a scheme for Empowerment of Women through Self-Help Groups.

(b) The components of the scheme are
(i) Convergence of inter-sectoral services;
(ii) Income Generation Activities; and
(iii) A sustained process of awareness generation/education.

It is expected that Group Activities under Indira Mahila Yojana would prepare women to participate in planning, implementation and monitoring activities of village level bodies such as Panchayats, Village Committees and Samitis.Women in the self-help groups at the grassroot level under this strategy would also have access to various developmental programmes.